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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a

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application of pending prior Application No.09/235,720, filed on January 22, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial Nos. 09/099,269, filed June 18, 1998, allowed as U.S. Pat. No. 6,290,685; 09/099,565, filed June 18, 1998, allowed as U.S. Pat. No. 6,080,243; 09/106,506, filed June 18, 1998; 09/100,163, filed June 18, 1998; 09/099,632, filed June 18, 1998; 09/099,555, filed June 18, 1998; and 09/099,562, filed June 18, 1998.

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Title: DRUG DELIVERY DRESSING HAVING FLUID CONTROL FILM

1. Enclosed is a copy of the oath or declaration filed in the prior application.
2. Enclosed is a newly executed oath or declaration.
3. Enclosed is a copy of the specification as filed in the prior application.
4. Enclosed is a new specification.
5. Enclosed are twelve (12) sheet(s) of drawings.
6. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. (not applicable for CIP)
7. Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a _____ of Application No. _____ filed _____.

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This is a _____ of Application No. _____ filed _____, which was a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 of _____, filed _____, which International Application was published in English by the International Bureau on _____.

9. Please cancel claims _____.
10. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
11. This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following person(s) who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application: _____

The fee for filing the application is computed as follows:

Claims As Filed, After Accounting For Any Claims Canceled Or Added In Paragraphs 8 Or 9 Above				
(1) For	(2) Number Filed	(3) Number Extra	(4) Rate	(5) Basic Fee \$740
Total Claims	12 -20 =	0	x \$18	\$0
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13. An assignment

to 3M Innovative Properties Company is of record in the prior application.
 from Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company to 3M Innovative Properties Company has been filed/is being filed concurrently in the prior application but is not yet recorded.
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14. A power of attorney is of record in prior application.

15. Enclosed is a return receipt postcard.

16. Other

Respectfully submitted,

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